IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 - 10 as follows:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) An eductor comprising a venturi structure [[(3)]], an air gap [[(5)]] across which in air gap operational mode a liquid jet is passed to the venturi structure [[(3)]] and a removable non-return valve [[(19)]] located in the air gap [[(5)]], whereby the eductor is convertible between air gap operational mode and non-return valve operational mode.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) An eductor according to claim 1, wherein in air gap operational mode the eductor has a nozzle to provide said liquid jet, the nozzle being removable and replaced by the non-return valve [[(19)]] on conversion.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) An eductor according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein the non-return valve has an outlet [[(29)]] providing in use a fluid jet directed into the venturi structure.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) An eductor according to ~~any one of~~ claim[[s]] 1[[to 3]], wherein the non-return valve provides a sealed first flow path across the air gap when open for liquid flow to the venturi structure and provides a second flow path for back flow from the venturi structure into the air gap out of the non-return valve when said first flow path is closed.

Claim 5. (Canceled) A non-return valve cartridge (19) adapted to be removably installed in an air gap (5) of an eductor (1) having an air gap and a venturi inlet zone (6), wherein the non-return valve cartridge comprises an inlet (21) adapted to receive water from a supply line (10) and an outlet (29) adapted to deliver water to the venturi inlet zone (6) and a non-return valve between the inlet (21) and outlet (29).

Claim 6. (Canceled) A non-return valve cartridge according to claim 5, wherein the outlet comprises a sealing surface to provide sealing contact with the venturi inlet zone.

Claim 7. (Canceled) A non-return valve cartridge according to either claim 5 or claim 6, wherein the inlet comprises a sealing surface to provide sealing contact with the supply line.

Claim 8. (Canceled) A non-return valve cartridge according to claim 5, 6 or 7 which when installed provides a sealed first flow path across the air gap when open for liquid flow to the venturi structure and provides a second flow path for back flow from the venturi structure into the air gap out of the non-return valve when said first flow path is closed.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) A method of adapting an air gap eductor having a venturi mixing portion [[(3)]] and an air gap [[(5)]], comprising installing a non-return valve [[(19)]] in said air gap.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim [[9]] 5, wherein the air gap eductor comprises a nozzle for directing a water jet and the method comprises the step of removing the nozzle from the eductor.

Please add the following new claims:

Claim 11. (New) An eductor according to claim 2, wherein the non-return valve has an outlet providing in use a fluid jet directed into the venturi structure.

Claim 12. (New) An eductor according to claim 2, wherein the non-return valve provides a sealed first flow path across the air gap when open for liquid flow to the venturi structure and provides a second flow path for back flow from the venturi structure into the air gap out of the non-return valve when said first flow path is closed.

Claim 13. (New) An eductor according to claim 3, wherein the non-return valve provides a sealed first flow path across the air gap when open for liquid flow to the venturi structure and provides a second flow path for back flow from the venturi structure into the air gap out of the non-return valve when said first flow path is closed.